

CHILDREN'S NETWORK COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Meeting of the CHILD CARE & PLANNING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE - LEGISLATION

January 28, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bobbie Edwards, PITC	(626) 524-1829
Billie Houston, UCR Extension	(909) 787-2651
Stephen Martinez, HSS Legislation & Research	(909) 388-0171
Jan Peterson, Riverside County Child Care Consortium	(909) 248-0015
Pam Robinson, PITC	(909) 864-2161
Anthony Rubio, Children's Network	(909) 387-5375

1) Welcome and Introductions

Anthony Rubio welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance.

2) Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written. **Motion approved unanimously.**

3) Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Information Items:

4) Child Care Related Legislation

Stephen Martinez informed the group about Governor Schwarzenegger's 2005-2006 State Budget proposal and effects on child care. Some of the highlights include:

- Reduce license-exempt reimbursement rates
- Reduce state spending by \$27.4 million, but increase federal fund spending by \$33.9 million
- Allows increases in license-exempt and licensed reimbursement rates for providers completing education and training.
- Re-establish formerly suspended alternative rate setting mechanism for providers serving only subsidized families.
- Transfers families in Stage 3 CalWORKs child care as of June 30, 2005 into the general AP program, along with the associated funding.
- Allows families off cash aid but still in either Stage 1 or Stage 2 CalWORKs child care to remain in these programs for up to two years from the date they left

cash aid, but will immediately put their name on a waiting list and be allowed to access services in the general AP program as slots become available. At the end of the two years, they will move to Stage 3, where they will have a maximum of two additional years before their CalWORKs child care entitlement expires.

- Families who are still receiving cash aid will continue to receive subsidized child care until they leave aid, their names will be added to the waiting list concurrently with earned income while on aid, and they will be assured a maximum of three additional years of CalWORKs child care after they leave cash aid.
- Establishes Waiting List Reform.
- Beginning in 2005-06, income eligibility for child care programs also will be based upon the FPL.

Stephen also brought a copy of AB 172. He reported to the group that this bill would require family day care providers to have insurance. A copy of the bill as it was introduced can be viewed at:

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0151-0200/ab_172_bill_20050120_introduced.html

5) 2005 Legislative Breakfast

Anthony announced that First 5 San Bernardino is interested in co-sponsoring our breakfast and may match the amount given by First 5 Riverside. Anthony will e-mail First 5 San Bernardino logo to Jan, which will be added to the Registration form. The Save-the-Date cards have already been sent to the printer. Thank you to Stacey Iverson for her help through this process.

The title of the conference was discussed. After many good suggestions, the subcommittee decided upon, "Educating in the Early Years – A lifetime of Values." The registration fee will be set at \$26.

The subcommittee has decided to honor men in the child care field during this breakfast. Each County will be responsible for developing their own leads for nomination. Bobbie Edwards submitted a few names to Anthony for San Bernardino. "Hometown Heroes" was suggested as the theme for the awards.

The save-the-date cards are almost ready. Anthony will be mailing out these cards to the Child Care Planning Council mailing list and distributing them at all the Children's Network Collaborative meetings throughout the County.

The subcommittee decided to order 28 bird houses, one for each table as the centerpiece and 3 to be used for a raffle. The raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each.

6) Other Comments

None given

7) Public Comment

None given

8) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the same location.

9) Adjournment

minutes submitted by Anthony Rubio